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Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of her Office, 1/ as well as the report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner on the work of its forty-fourth session, 2/ and taking note of the statement made by the High Commissioner on 4 November 1993, 3/

Recalling its resolution 47/105 of 16 December 1992,

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/48/12).

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 12A (A/48/12/Add.1).

3/ Ibid., Forty-eighth Session, Third Committee, 23rd meeting.

Reaffirming the purely humanitarian and non-political character of the activities of the Office of the High Commissioner, as well as the crucial importance of the High Commissioner's functions of providing international protection to refugees and seeking solutions to refugee problems,

Welcoming the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Conference on Human Rights, 4/ particularly as it reaffirms the right to seek and enjoy asylum, and the right to return to one's country,

Commending the High Commissioner and her staff for the dedicated manner in which they discharge their responsibilities, and paying special tribute to those staff members who have lost their lives in the course of their duties,

Noting with satisfaction that one hundred and twenty-three States are now parties to the 1951 Convention 5/ and/or the 1967 Protocol 6/ relating to the Status of Refugees,

Welcoming the continuing strong commitment of States to provide protection and assistance to refugees and the valuable support extended by Governments to the High Commissioner in carrying out her humanitarian tasks,

Commending those States, particularly the least developed and those hosting millions of refugees, that, despite severe economic and development challenges of their own, continue to admit large numbers of refugees into their territories, and emphasizing the need to share the burden of these States to the maximum extent possible through international assistance, including development-oriented assistance,

Noting with concern that the number of refugees and other persons to whom the Office of the High Commissioner is called upon to provide assistance and protection has continued to increase and that their protection continues to be seriously jeopardized in many situations as a result of denial of admission, unlawful expulsion, refoulement, unjustified detention, other threats to their physical security, dignity and well-being, and failure to respect and ensure their fundamental freedoms and human rights,

Recognizing that in certain regions the misuse of asylum procedures jeopardizes the institution of asylum and adversely affects the prompt and effective protection of refugees,

Emphasizing the need for States to assist the High Commissioner in seeking durable and timely solutions to the problems of refugees, as well as to take part in efforts to prevent conditions that might give rise to the flight of refugees, and to address the root causes of refugee outflows, and underlining, in this connection, State responsibility, particularly as it relates to countries of origin,

4/ A/CONF.157/23.

5/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 189, No. 2545.

6/ Ibid., vol. 606, No. 8791.

Welcoming the continuing efforts of the High Commissioner to meet the protection and assistance needs of refugee women and refugee children, who constitute the majority of the world's refugee population and who are often exposed to serious threats to their safety and well-being,

Recognizing the increased demands faced by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees world wide and the need for all available resources to be fully and effectively mobilized to meet these demands,

1. Strongly reaffirms the fundamental importance of the High Commissioner's function of providing international protection to refugees and the need for States to cooperate fully with her Office in order to facilitate the effective exercise of this function;

2. Calls upon all States that have not yet done so, including Governments of newly independent States, to accede to or to declare succession to and to implement fully the 1951 Convention 5/ and the 1967 Protocol 6/ relating to the Status of Refugees and relevant regional instruments for the protection of refugees;

3. Also calls upon all States to uphold asylum as an indispensable instrument for the international protection of refugees, and to respect scrupulously the fundamental principle of non-refoulement;

4. Urges States to ensure access, consistent with relevant international and regional instruments, for all asylum-seekers to fair and efficient procedures for the determination of refugee status and the granting of asylum;

5. Expresses deep concern regarding serious threats to the security of the well-being of refugees, including incidents of refoulement, unlawful expulsion, physical attacks and detention under unacceptable conditions, and calls upon States to take all measures necessary to ensure respect for the principles of refugee protection as well as the humane treatment of asylum-seekers in accordance with internationally recognized human rights norms;

6. Endorses, in this connection, the conclusions on the personal security of refugees and on refugee protection and sexual violence adopted by the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner at its forty-fourth session; 2/

7. Welcomes the High Commissioner's policy on refugee children and activities undertaken to ensure its implementation, aimed at ensuring that the specific needs of refugee children, including in particular unaccompanied minors, are fully met within the overall protection and assistance activities of the Office, in cooperation with Governments and other relevant organizations;

8. Acknowledges with appreciation the further progress made in the implementation of measures within the framework of the High Commissioner's programme to ensure the protection and to meet the assistance needs of refugee women and girls, in accordance with the High Commissioner's policy on refugee women;

9. Stresses the importance of international solidarity and burden-sharing in reinforcing the international protection of refugees, and urges all States, as well as non-governmental organizations, in conjunction with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to cooperate in efforts to lighten the burden borne by States that have received large numbers of asylum-seekers and refugees;

10. Urges all States and relevant organizations to support the High Commissioner's search for durable solutions to refugee problems, including voluntary repatriation, integration in the country of asylum and resettlement in a third country, as appropriate, and welcomes in particular the ongoing efforts of her Office to pursue wherever possible opportunities to promote conditions conducive to the preferred solution of voluntary repatriation;

11. Encourages the High Commissioner, on the basis of her broad humanitarian experience and expertise, to continue to explore and to undertake protection and assistance activities aimed at preventing conditions that give rise to refugee outflows, bearing in mind fundamental protection principles, in close coordination with the Governments concerned, and within an inter-agency, intergovernmental and non-governmental framework, as appropriate;

12. Reaffirms its support for the High Commissioner's efforts, on the basis of specific requests from the Secretary-General or the competent principal organs of the United Nations and with the consent of the concerned State, and taking into account the complementarities of the mandates and expertise of other relevant organizations, to provide humanitarian assistance and protection to persons displaced within their own country in specific situations calling for the Office's particular expertise, especially where such efforts could contribute to the prevention or solution of refugee problems;

13. Recognizes the need for the international community to explore methods and means better to address within the United Nations system the protection and assistance needs of internally displaced persons, and calls upon the High Commissioner to engage actively in further consultations on this priority issue with the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons, and with other appropriate international organizations and bodies, including the International Committee of the Red Cross;

14. Also recognizes the value of addressing prevention, protection and solutions on a comprehensive regional basis and encourages the High Commissioner to consult with States, other relevant United Nations bodies and governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, concerning possibilities for additional measures and initiatives in areas affected by complex humanitarian problems involving coerced population movements;

15. Reaffirms the importance of promoting and disseminating refugee law and principles for the protection of refugees as well as of facilitating the prevention of and solutions to refugee problems, and encourages the High Commissioner to continue to strengthen the promotion and training activities of her Office, inter alia, through increased cooperation with bodies and organizations concerned with human rights and humanitarian law;

16. Urges States, the Office of the High Commissioner and non-governmental organizations to pursue their efforts to foster greater public understanding and acceptance of people of different backgrounds and cultures, with a view to dispelling hostile, racist or xenophobic attitudes and other forms of intolerance towards foreigners, including refugees and asylum-seekers, displaced people and persons belonging to minorities;

17. Notes the relationship between safeguarding human rights and preventing refugee problems, and reiterates its support for the High Commissioner's efforts to increase cooperation between her Office and the Commission on Human Rights, the Centre for Human Rights and other relevant international bodies and organizations;

18. Welcomes the further progress made by the High Commissioner in enhancing the capacity of her Office to respond to humanitarian emergencies and encourages her to provide full support to the coordination role of the Emergency Relief Coordinator, especially in major and complex emergencies;

19. Encourages the High Commissioner to continue to cooperate fully, including within the framework of the Inter-agency Standing Committee, with United Nations agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, in order to ensure an effective response to complex emergency situations;

20. Welcomes the establishment by the High Commissioner of the Partnership in Action Process in conjunction with the International Council of Voluntary Agencies as a means of strengthening and improving collaboration between the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and non-governmental organizations in meeting greatly increased demands, expresses its support for the process of consultations through regional preparatory meetings as well as for the global conference in Oslo in June 1994 and invites Governments to provide financial support to this important initiative;

21. Expresses deep concern at conditions in a number of countries and regions that seriously endanger the delivery of humanitarian assistance and the security of the staff of the High Commissioner and other relief workers, deplores the recent loss of lives among personnel involved in humanitarian operations, urges support for initiatives taken by the High Commissioner and within the General Assembly and the Security Council concerning the safety of United Nations and associated personnel, in particular the consideration of new measures to enhance the safety of such personnel, and calls upon States and all parties to conflicts to take all necessary measures to ensure safe and timely access for humanitarian assistance and the security of international and local staff undertaking humanitarian work in the countries concerned;

22. Calls upon all Governments and other donors to contribute to the programmes of the High Commissioner and, taking into account the need to achieve greater burden-sharing among donors, to assist the High Commissioner in securing additional and timely income from traditional governmental sources, other Governments and the private sector in order to ensure that the needs of refugees, returnees and displaced persons of concern to the Office of the High Commissioner are met.



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Bolivia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala,
Honduras, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Peru, Uruguay and
Venezuela: draft resolution

International Conference on Central American Refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/1 of 7 October 1987, 42/110 of 7 December 1987, 42/204 of 11 December 1987, 42/231 of 12 May 1988, 43/118 of 8 December 1988, 44/139 of 15 December 1989, 45/141 of 14 December 1990, 46/107 of 16 December 1991 and 47/103 of 16 December 1992,

Bearing in mind that the International Conference on Central American Refugees is related to the initiative of the Central American Presidents expressed in the procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace in Central America adopted at the Esquipulas II summit meeting in August 1987, 1/

Bearing in mind that the Central American Presidents, at the fourteenth summit meeting, held on 28 and 29 October 1993, expressing the need to continue the transition from humanitarian assistance to development cooperation, decided to call upon the international community to continue its support for humanitarian and development programmes benefiting uprooted populations, especially the International Conference on Central American Refugees, which has carried out valuable work in that area,

1/ A/C.3/43/6, annex.

Recognizing the importance and validity of the Declaration and the Concerted Plan of Action in favour of Central American Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons, adopted at the International Conference on Central American Refugees held at Guatemala City from 29 to 31 May 1989 2/ and the Declaration and communiqué of the First and Second International Meetings of the Follow-Up Committee of the Conference, 3/ respectively,

Taking note of the outcome of the meetings of the Follow-Up Committee of the International Conference on Central American Refugees, held at San José on 2 and 3 April 1991, at San Pedro Sula, Honduras, from 17 to 19 June 1991, at Tegucigalpa on 13 and 14 August 1991, at Managua on 25 and 26 October 1991, at San Salvador on 7 and 8 April 1992 and at Managua on 29 September and 28 October 1992,

Taking note also of the report of the Follow-Up Committee of the Conference, submitted to the Executive Committee of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at its forty-fourth session, concerning the implementation of the Concerted Plan of Action,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts being made by the Central American countries, Belize and Mexico, to find lasting solutions to the problems of the refugees, returnees and displaced persons in implementing the aims and objectives of the Concerted Plan of Action as an integral part of efforts to achieve a firm and lasting peace and democratization of the region,

Welcoming with satisfaction the progress made in El Salvador in achieving the consolidation of peace in that country, in accordance with the peace agreements and the National Reconstruction Plan, the efforts to achieve peace and reconciliation in Guatemala, and the efforts made in Nicaragua in achieving the objectives of national reconciliation and in assistance to the uprooted populations, all of which continues to encourage movements of voluntary repatriation and settlement of internally displaced persons,

Bearing in mind the joint political and economic communiqué adopted at the "San José IX" Interministerial Summit between the countries of the European Community and Central America, held at San Salvador on 22 and 23 February 1993, and the Final Declaration of the fourteenth summit meeting of Central American Presidents, held at Guatemala City from 27 to 29 October 1993, in which the need for international support for the programmes carried out within the framework of the Conference is reaffirmed,

Recognizing the substantial support that, inter alia, the Secretary-General, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Development Programme, the donor community and national and international non-governmental organizations have given the Conference since its inception,

2/ See A/44/527 and Corr.1, annex.

3/ CIREFCA/CS/90/10 and CIREFCA/CS/92/11.

Recognizing that the extension of the duration of the Concerted Plan of Action until May 1994 has enabled substantial progress to be made in the efforts to achieve the proposed objectives and aims,

Taking note of the transfer, on 10 July 1993, of the lead-agency role from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to the United Nations Development Programme in order to strengthen the Concerted Plan of Action,

Convinced that peace, development and democracy are essential in order to solve the problems of uprooted populations in the region,

1. Takes note of the reports submitted by the Secretary-General 4/ and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; 5/

2. Notes with satisfaction the progress achieved in the implementation of programmes and projects within the framework of the Conference, and expresses its appreciation to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Development Programme for their substantial support to the process, and for the invaluable contribution of non-governmental organizations;

3. Urges the Central American countries, Belize and Mexico, to continue to implement and follow up the programmes benefiting refugees, returnees and displaced persons in accordance with their national development plans;

4. Reaffirms its conviction that the voluntary repatriation of refugees and the return of displaced persons to their countries or communities of origin continues to be a positive sign of the progress of peace in the region;

5. Reaffirms its conviction that the processes of return to and reintegration in the countries and communities of origin should continue to take place in conditions of dignity and security and with the necessary guarantees to ensure that the affected populations are included in the respective national development plans;

6. Supports the special attention that the Central American countries, Belize and Mexico, are giving to the particular needs of refugee, repatriated and displaced women and children and to the measures being adopted to protect and improve the environment and to preserve ethnic and cultural values;

7. Requests the Secretary-General, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Development Programme and other organs of the United Nations system to continue their support for and involvement in the follow-up, implementation and evaluation of the humanitarian programmes developed within the framework of the Conference process;

4/ A/48/391.

5/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/48/12).

8. Emphasizes the importance of ensuring, upon the conclusion of the Conference process in May 1994, that the needs of refugees, returnees and displaced persons are specifically reflected in a comprehensive and sustained concept of human development, and that the United Nations Development Programme, with the collaboration of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, continues to support this approach in the post-Conference strategy;

9. Expresses its conviction that the work carried out through the integrated Conference process could serve as a valuable lesson to be applied in other regions of the world;

10. Appeals to the international community, particularly to the donor countries, to continue to strengthen their generous support for the Conference so as to consolidate the aims and objectives set at the Conference, and to continue to provide their valuable cooperation in the financing and implementation of the social and humanitarian programmes proposed for the period of transition to development, their own development programmes and those programmes relating to environmental protection which are designed to meet the needs of the uprooted populations;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session a report on the Conference process, including an analysis of achievements, obstacles and pending tasks.



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Algeria*: draft resolution

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons
in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/107 of 16 December 1992,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General 1/ and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 2/

Bearing in mind that most of the affected countries are least developed countries,

Convinced of the necessity to strengthen the capacity within the United Nations system for the implementation and overall coordination of relief programmes for refugees, returnees and displaced persons,

Welcoming the prospects for voluntary repatriation and durable solutions across the continent,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

1/ A/48/444.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/48/12 and Add.1)

Recognizing the need for States to create conditions conducive to the prevention of flows of refugees and displaced persons and to voluntary repatriation,

Bearing in mind that the majority of refugees and displaced persons are women and children,

Noting with appreciation the commitment of the countries concerned to do their utmost to facilitate the provision of assistance to the affected populations and to take the necessary measures in this regard,

Realizing the importance of assisting the host countries, in particular those countries that have been hosting refugees for a long time, to remedy environmental deterioration and the negative impact on public services and the development process,

Recognizing the mandate of the High Commissioner to protect and assist refugees and returnees and the catalytic role she plays, together with the international community and development agencies, in addressing the broader issues of development relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons,

Bearing in mind the necessity of facilitating the work of humanitarian organizations, in particular the supply of food, medicine and health care to refugees, returnees and displaced persons, deploring acts of aggression against personnel of humanitarian organizations, particularly those that have led to the loss of life, and stressing the need to guarantee the safety of the personnel of those organizations,

Deeply concerned about the continuing critical humanitarian situation in African countries, in particular in the Horn of Africa, caused by persistent drought, conflict and population movements,

Conscious of the situation of the refugees, returnees and displaced persons in East and Central Africa,

Welcoming regional efforts such as the mechanism of prevention, management and repatriation of refugees adopted at the Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at Cairo, Egypt in June 1993,

Taking into account resolution CM/Res.1448(LVIII) on refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its fifty-eighth ordinary session in June 1993 in Cairo, Egypt, 3/

Deeply concerned by the massive presence of refugees and externally displaced persons in Djibouti, representing 25 per cent of the total population of the country, and by their uninterrupted influx owing to the tragic situation in Somalia,

3/ See A/48/322, annex I.

Deeply concerned also by the serious consequences of the presence of refugees and externally displaced persons for the already difficult economic and social situation in the Horn of Africa,

Recognizing the fact that more than half of the refugees and externally displaced persons in Djibouti are located in Djibouti City in most serious difficulties and without direct international assistance, exerting an intolerable pressure on the limited resources of the country and the social infrastructure and causing in particular, serious problems of security,

Also recognizing the need for cooperation between the Government of Djibouti and the High Commissioner for Refugees and relevant organizations to find alternative solutions for the problem of refugees in Djibouti City and to be able to mobilize the necessary external assistance to meet their specific needs,

Aware of the fact that the refugee population in the refugee camps throughout Djibouti is in a precarious situation, facing the threat of famine, malnutrition and disease, and that it needs adequate external assistance for the provision of foodstuff, medical assistance and the necessary infrastructure for shelter,

Aware also of the fact that Eritrea has been devastated by a 30-year war which ended in May 1991 and repeated droughts over the years, that its economy and resources have been destroyed and that it is starting anew,

Recognizing the massive task facing Eritrea of repatriating over half a million refugees, particularly from the Sudan, through its programme for refugee reintegration and rehabilitation of resettlement areas in Eritrea and resettling voluntary returnees already in the country, internally displaced persons and demobilized former combatants and the enormous burden that these have placed on the Government of Eritrea,

Recognizing also the need for cooperation between the Government of Eritrea and the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and relevant organizations to be able to mobilize the necessary international assistance to put the programmes of human resettlement into action in Eritrea,

Deeply concerned about the massive presence of refugees, voluntary returnees, displaced persons and demobilized soldiers in Ethiopia and the enormous burden that this has placed on the country's infrastructure and meagre resources,

Deeply concerned also about the grave consequences this has entailed for Ethiopia's capability to grapple with the effects of the prolonged drought and rebuild the country's economy,

Aware of the heavy burden placed on the Government of Ethiopia and of the need for immediate and adequate assistance to refugees, voluntary returnees, displaced persons, demobilized soldiers and victims of natural disasters,

Deeply concerned about the burden that has been placed on the Government and people of Kenya because of the influx of refugees from the strife and famine

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that have stricken neighbouring countries and the infiltration of armed bandits and highly dangerous and illegal weapons from the situation obtaining in Somalia,

Aware of the need to improve the security situation in the region, particularly in the border areas, for the safety of the refugees, local community and personnel involved in humanitarian activities,

Recognizing the great contribution and sacrifices that the Government of Kenya has made and continues to make in dealing with this situation, while facing deteriorating conditions caused by the impact of the persistent drought that has affected and continues to affect its own population,

Emphasizing the importance and necessity of continuing assistance to the over 400,000 estimated refugees and displaced persons in Kenya until such time as this situation has changed,

Deeply concerned about the tragic impact that the civil war in Somalia continues to have on the lives of its people, affecting 4 to 5 million people who are either refugees in neighbouring countries or internally displaced and are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance,

Aware that the voluntary repatriation of large numbers of Somali refugees in neighbouring countries and elsewhere, as well as the return of internally displaced persons to their original homes, will still require a planned and integrated international assistance programme designed to cover their basic needs, ensure adequate reception arrangements and facilitate their smooth integration into their respective communities,

Convinced that it is necessary that humanitarian assistance to Somali refugees, returnees and displaced persons be mobilized urgently and delivered without delay in view of the deteriorating situation of the displaced persons and returnees and the mounting pressure the refugees continue to place on the host countries,

Appealing to the Somalis to implement the Addis Ababa agreement on national reconciliation that the Somali leaders signed on 27 March 1993 in order to create an environment conducive to the repatriation of Somali refugees from the neighbouring countries,

Recognizing the fact that the Sudan has been hosting large numbers of refugees over an extended period of time,

Aware of the economic difficulties facing the Government of the Sudan, and the need for adequate assistance for the refugees and displaced persons in the Sudan and the rehabilitation of the areas in which they are located,

Encouraging the Government of the Sudan and the Office of the High Commissioner for the efforts they have undertaken for the voluntary repatriation of the large numbers of refugees to their homelands,

Deeply concerned about the plight of Sudanese refugees children, particularly the problem of unaccompanied minors, and emphasizing the need for their protection, well-being and reunification with their families,

Considering that the repatriation and reintegration of returnees and the relocation of displaced persons are aggravated by natural disasters and that the process poses serious humanitarian, social and economic problems to the Government of Chad,

Cognizant of the appeal to Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to provide the necessary assistance to the Government of Chad to alleviate its problems and improve its abilities to implement the programme of repatriation, reintegration and relocation of voluntary returnees and displaced persons,

Noting with appreciation the continuing efforts of the Economic Community of West African States and the Organization of African Unity to restore peace, security and stability in Liberia, and the signing on 25 July 1993 of the Cotonou peace agreement between the Interim Government of National Unity, the National Patriotic Front of Liberia and the United Movement for Democracy, as well as the establishment of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia, aimed at bringing an end to the conflict,

Deeply concerned about the influx of internally displaced persons, returnees and refugees to Monrovia and the enormous burden this has placed on the infrastructure and fragile economy of the country,

Also deeply concerned that, despite the efforts made to provide the necessary material and financial assistance for the refugees, returnees and displaced persons, the situation remains unsettled and has serious implications for the long-term national development of Liberia as well as for those West African countries hosting Liberian refugees,

Bearing in mind the continuing need to provide emergency humanitarian assistance to Liberian refugees, returnees and displaced persons, since the security situation is not yet propitious for the conduct of large-scale voluntary repatriation and reintegration,

Recognizing the heavy burden placed on the people and Government of Malawi and the sacrifices they are making in caring for refugees, given the country's limited social services and infrastructure, and the need for adequate international assistance to Malawi to enable it to continue its efforts to provide assistance to the refugees,

Gravely concerned about the continuing serious social, economic and environmental impact of the massive presence of refugees in Malawi as well as its far-reaching consequences for the long-term development process and environmental effects,

Bearing in mind the findings and recommendations of the 1991 inter-agency mission to Malawi, particularly on the need to strengthen the country's socio-economic infrastructure in order to enable it to provide for the immediate

humanitarian relief requirements of the refugees as well as on the long-term national development needs of the country,

Convinced that, because of the serious economic situation and, in particular, because of the effect of devastating drought in southern Africa, there is continued need for the international community to extend maximum and concerted assistance to southern African countries sheltering refugees, returnees and displaced persons,

Welcoming with appreciation the ongoing activities of the High Commissioner for the voluntary repatriation and reintegration of South African returnees, and hoping that the obstacles to the return of all refugees and exiles in conditions of safety and dignity will be removed without delay,

Recognizing the need to integrate refugee-related development projects in local and national development plans,

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General 1/ and the High Commissioner for Refugees; 2/

2. Commends the Governments concerned for their sacrifices and for providing assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and their efforts to promote voluntary repatriation and other measures taken in order to find appropriate and lasting solutions;

3. Expresses deep concern at the serious and far-reaching consequences of the presence of large numbers of refugees and displaced persons in the countries concerned and the implications for the security environment and their long-term socio-economic development;

4. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner for Refugees, the specialized agencies of the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross, donor countries and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for their assistance in mitigating the plight of the large number of refugees, returnees and displaced persons;

5. Expresses the hope that additional resources will be made available for general refugee programmes to keep pace with refugee needs;

6. Appeals to Member States, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to provide adequate and sufficient financial, material and technical assistance for relief and rehabilitation programmes for the large number of refugees, voluntary returnees and displaced persons and victims of natural disasters and to the affected countries;

7. Requests all Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to pay particular attention to the protection of special needs of refugee women and children;

8. Calls upon the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner for refugees, the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and United Nations humanitarian agencies to continue their efforts to mobilize humanitarian assistance for the relief, repatriation, rehabilitation and

resettlement of refugees, returnees and displaced persons, including those refugees in urban areas;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize adequate financial and material assistance for the full implementation of ongoing projects in rural and urban areas affected by the presence of refugees, returnees and displaced persons;

10. Requests the High Commissioner to continue her efforts with the appropriate United Nations agencies, the Organization of African Unity and intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations in order to consolidate and increase essential services to refugees, returnees and displaced persons;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive and consolidated report on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, under the sub-item entitled "Questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons", and an oral report to the Economic and Social Council at its regular session of 1994.



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Armenia: proposed amendments to draft resolution
A/C.3/48/L.23

Emergency international assistance to refugees and
displaced persons in Azerbaijan

1. The title of draft resolution A/C.3/48/L.23 should read

International assistance to refugees and displaced persons in
the Transcaucasian region - Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia

2. The first preambular paragraph should read

Recalling its relevant resolutions regarding humanitarian assistance
to refugees and displaced persons,

3. In the fourth preambular paragraph, for Azerbaijan read the region
4. Delete the fifth and sixth preambular paragraphs.
5. In the seventh preambular paragraph, for Azerbaijan read the region
6. In the eighth preambular paragraph, for Azerbaijan read Armenia, Azerbaijan
and Georgia
7. Delete the ninth and tenth preambular paragraphs.
8. The twelfth preambular paragraph should read

Deeply concerned about the enormous burden the massive presence of
refugees and displaced persons in the region has placed on the countries'
infrastructures,

9. In the thirteenth preambular paragraph, for Azerbaijan read Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia
10. In operative paragraph 1, for Azerbaijani refugees and displaced persons read refugees and displaced persons of the region
11. In operative paragraph 2 delete on a priority basis, and for Azerbaijani refugees and displaced persons, read refugees and displaced persons of the region;
12. In operative paragraph 3, for Azerbaijani refugees and displaced persons read refugees and displaced persons of the Transcaucasian region
13. Operative paragraph 4 should read

 Invites the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the overall situation on refugees and displaced persons in the region;
14. In operative paragraph 5 for Azerbaijan read the region;



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Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Senegal, Spain, Turkey and Uruguay: draft resolution

International Research and Training Institute for
the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 46/99 of 16 December 1991 and taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/17 of 27 June 1993,

Taking note of the report of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its activities, 1/

Stressing the need for independent research to ensure that policy-making and project implementation address issues and emerging areas of concern to women, and the role of the Institute therein,

Reaffirming the unique and specific role of the Institute in the areas of research and training which can facilitate the systematic inclusion of women as partners in development programmes and projects,

Recognizing the important role that the Institute could play in the substantive preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women,

Convinced that sustainable development cannot be achieved without the full participation of women,

1/ A/48/301, annex.

1. Expresses its satisfaction with the report of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its activities;
2. Commends the Institute for its efforts to focus on problems that constitute barriers to improving the status of women, thereby impeding their overall development and progress;
3. Urges the Institute to continue to strengthen its activities in the areas of research, training and information aimed at mainstreaming women in development strategies and giving women greater visibility by valuating their contribution to social and economic development as important means of empowering women and improving their status;
4. Requests the Institute to assist with the substantive preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women, given its key role in the areas of research and training and its expertise in statistics pertaining to women;
5. Emphasizes the unique function of the Institute as the only entity within the United Nations system devoted exclusively to research and training for the integration of women in development, and stresses the importance of making its research findings available for policy purposes and for operational activities;
6. Expresses its appreciation for the continued efforts of the Institute to strengthen its programmatic linkages with other United Nations organizations, regional commissions, government and non-governmental organizations, research institutes and other organizations and groups, thereby broadening the scope of its operations, making optimum use of its limited financial resources and ensuring that its work is more widely disseminated and has greater impact;
7. Expresses its appreciation also to those Governments and organizations that have contributed to or supported the activities of the Institute;
8. Invites States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women so that the Institute can fulfil its mandate and ensure the full participation and proper recognition of women in society;
9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on the activities of the Institute, including a detailed description of its administrative and institutional status, under the item entitled "Advancement of women".



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Angola, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belarus, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Iceland, Jamaica, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yemen and Zambia:
draft resolution

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

The General Assembly,

Recalling Articles 1 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also Article 8 of the Charter, which provides that the United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs,

Recalling further the relevant paragraphs of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, 1/ especially paragraphs 79, 315, 356 and 358,

1/ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

Recalling the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other bodies that have continued to focus on this area since the adoption of Assembly resolution 2715 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, in which the question of the employment of women in the Professional category was first addressed,

Taking note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat, 2/

Recalling the goal set in its resolutions 45/125 of 14 December 1990, 45/239 C of 21 December 1990, 46/100 of 16 December 1991 and 47/93 of 16 December 1992 of a 35 per cent overall participation rate of women in posts subject to geographical distribution by 1995,

Noting with concern that the current rate of increase in the appointment of women is insufficient to achieve the objective of a 35 per cent participation rate of women in posts subject to geographical distribution by 1995,

Recalling the goal set in its resolution 45/239 C of a 25 per cent participation rate of women in posts at the D-1 level and above by 1995,

Noting with concern that the participation rate of women in posts at the D-1 level and above remains unreasonably low, although some welcome improvements have been made,

Aware that a comprehensive policy aimed at preventing sexual harassment should be an integral part of personnel policy,

Commending the Secretary-General for his administrative instruction 3/ containing procedures for dealing with cases of sexual harassment,

Bearing in mind that a visible commitment by the Secretary-General is essential to the achievement of the targets set by the General Assembly,

Welcoming the commitment of the Secretary-General, expressed in his statement to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, 4/ to bringing the balance in policy-level positions as close to fifty-fifty as possible, and his commitment, expressed in his message on the occasion of International Women's Day 1993, 5/ to see that the number of women in Professional posts in the Secretariat reflects the world population as a whole by the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1995,

2/ A/48/513.

3/ ST/AI/379.

4/ A/C.5/47/SR.21, para. 58.

5/ E/CN.6/1993/15, para. 14.

Welcoming also the development by the Secretary-General of a plan of action for 1993 and 1994 to improve the status of women in the Secretariat by 1995, 6/

1. Urges the Secretary-General to implement fully the plan of action to improve the status of women in the Secretariat by 1995, 6/ noting that his visible commitment is essential to the achievement of the targets set by the General Assembly;

2. Also urges the Secretary-General to examine further existing work practices within the United Nations system with a view to increasing flexibility so as to remove direct or indirect discrimination against staff members with family responsibilities, including consideration of such issues as job-sharing, flexible working hours, child-care arrangements, career break schemes and access to training;

3. Further urges the Secretary-General, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, to accord greater priority to the recruitment and promotion of women in posts subject to geographical distribution, particularly in senior policy-level and decision-making posts and within those parts of the United Nations system and its specialized agencies where representation of women is considerably below the average, in order to achieve the goals set in its resolutions 45/125, 45/239 C, 46/100 and 47/93 of an overall participation rate of 35 per cent by 1995 and 25 per cent in posts at the D-1 level and above by 1995;

4. Strongly urges the Secretary-General to make further use of the opportunity offered by the United Nations reorganization process to promote more women into senior-level positions;

5. Calls on the Secretary-General to strengthen, from within existing resources, the focal point for women within the Secretariat to ensure authority of enforcement and responsibility of accountability and to enable it more effectively to monitor and facilitate progress in the 1995 action programme;

6. Urges the Secretary-General to increase the number of women employed in the Secretariat from developing countries, particularly those that are unrepresented or under-represented, and from other countries that have a low representation of women, including countries in transition;

7. Strongly encourages Member States to support the efforts of the United Nations and the specialized agencies to increase the percentage of women in Professional posts, especially at the D-1 level and above, by identifying and submitting more women candidates, encouraging women to apply for vacant posts and creating national rosters of women candidates to be shared with the Secretariat, specialized agencies and regional commissions;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to further develop comprehensive policy measures aimed at the prevention of sexual harassment in the Secretariat;

6/ See A/48/513, para. 18.

9. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that a progress report on the status of women in the Secretariat containing, inter alia, policy measures aimed at the prevention of sexual harassment in the Secretariat, is presented to the Commission on the Status of Women, in accordance with the relevant rules on the delivery timetable for documentation, at its thirty-eighth session, and to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.



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Bahamas, Denmark, Indonesia, Poland and Uganda: draft resolution

United Nations Development Fund for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984, by which it decided to establish the United Nations Development Fund for Women as a separate and identifiable entity in autonomous association with the United Nations Development Programme,

Reaffirming the catalytic role of the Fund in increasing opportunities and options for women in developing countries to participate more effectively in the development of their countries, in line with national priorities,

Recognizing the important contribution the Fund continues to make in galvanizing efforts of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to formulate and support innovative activities which directly benefit and empower women,

Recognizing also the initiatives of the Fund to provide technical assistance to national machineries on women and to other relevant line ministries in gender-sensitive development planning, and to facilitate national preparatory activities for the 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace,

Emphasizing the position of the Fund as a specialized resource base for development cooperation linking the needs and aspirations of women and resources, programmes and policies for their economic development,

Noting the focused and responsive interventions of the Fund within its regional priority framework and its overall strategic approach to women in development,

1. Takes note of the note of the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women; 1/
2. Commends the United Nations Development Fund for Women for its support of catalytic and innovative projects that strengthen national capacity to improve the situation of women;
3. Encourages the Fund to continue to promote initiatives that incorporate the dimension of women in the agendas of the mainstream development efforts of Governments, United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations and the private sector;
4. Also encourages the Fund to continue its support of initiatives regarding women in politics, especially within the democratization process in developing countries;
5. Welcomes the Fund's advocacy initiatives, including its contribution to and participation in the follow-up of Agenda 21 of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Conference on Human Rights, 2/ in particular with respect to efforts to combat violence against women;
6. Welcomes also the appointment of an advisor from the United Nations Development Fund for Women to the United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs;
7. Commends the Fund for its recent signing of a memorandum of understanding with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, which should contribute to the development of meaningful and lasting solutions to the problem of refugee women and children;
8. Endorses the role of the United Nations Development Fund for Women in promoting the strategic importance of the empowerment of women;
9. Commends the Fund's initiatives to assist developing countries in their preparations for the 1995 World Conference on Women, including the preparations of national reports;
10. Underlines the importance of the Fund's role in the preparations for the International Conference on Population and Development and the World Summit for Social Development, the results of which should constitute a major contribution to the Fourth World Conference on Women;
11. Notes with satisfaction the steady increase in contributions to the Fund and urges Governments and public and private donors to continue to extend their support to the United Nations Development Fund for Women through voluntary contributions and pledges to its programmes;

1/ A/48/279.

2/ A/CONF.157/23.

12. Welcomes the establishment of new national committees for the United Nations Development Fund for Women in Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Canada and urges other developed countries to encourage the establishment of national committees;

13. Stresses the importance of the work of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women in policy and programme directions related to the activities of the Fund;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session a report on the activities of the Fund to be submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/125.



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Colombia*: draft resolution

Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its relevant resolutions, in particular resolution 44/77 of 8 December 1989, in which, inter alia, it endorsed and reaffirmed the importance of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women 1/ for the period up to the year 2000 and set out measures for their immediate implementation and for the overall achievement of the interrelated goals and objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Recalling also its resolutions 46/98 of 16 December 1991 and 47/95 of 16 December 1992,

Taking into consideration the resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council on issues relating to women since the adoption of its resolution 1987/18 of 26 May 1987,

Reaffirming its determination to encourage the full participation of women in economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs and to promote development, cooperation and international peace,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

Conscious of the important and constructive contribution to the improvement of the status of women made by the Commission on the Status of Women, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations concerned,

Concerned that the resources available to the programme on the advancement of women of the Secretariat are insufficient to ensure adequate support to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and effective implementation of other aspects of the programme, especially the preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women, to be held in 1995,

Taking into account resolutions 36/8 of 20 March 1992 and 37/7 of 25 March 1993, adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women, on the preparation for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace,

Bearing in mind the important role non-governmental organizations play in all activities for the advancement of women and the fact that some of them, especially those from developing countries, do not enjoy consultative status with the Economic and Social Council,

Noting with satisfaction that the preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women have entered a substantive stage, that the relevant United Nations bodies, the host country, China, and other countries all attach great importance to the preparation of the Conference and that the various preparatory works are going on in a deep and comprehensive way,

Taking into consideration that 1994 will be a year of crucial importance to the preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women, that the Commission on the Status of Women will hold an inter-sessional working group to deliberate the content of the Platform for Action and that the five regional commissions will convene their respective regional preparatory meetings for the Conference,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 2/

2. Reaffirms paragraph 2 of section I of the recommendations and conclusions arising from the first review and appraisal of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/15 of 24 May 1990, which called for an improved pace in the implementation of the Strategies in the crucial last decade of the twentieth century, since the cost to societies of failing to implement the Strategies would be high in terms of slowed economic and social development, inadequate use of human resources and reduced progress for society as a whole;

3. Urges Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to implement the recommendations;

4. Calls again upon Member States to give priority to policies and programmes relating to the subtheme "Employment, health and education", in particular to literacy, for self-reliance of women and the mobilization of indigenous resources, as well as to issues relating to the role of women in economic and political decision-making, population, the environment, information and science and technology;

5. Reaffirms the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women in matters related to the advancement of women, and calls upon it to continue promoting the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies to the Year 2000, based on the goals of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace and the subtheme "Employment, health and education", and urges all relevant bodies of the United Nations system to cooperate effectively with the Commission in this task;

6. Requests the Commission, when considering the priority theme relating to development during its thirty-eighth and subsequent sessions, to ensure its early contribution to the preparatory work of forthcoming major international conferences such as the International Conference on Population and Development, to be held in 1994, the Fourth World Conference on Women, to be held in 1995, and the proposed World Summit on Social Development to be held in 1995, and to address the impact of technologies on women;

7. Also requests the Commission to give special attention to women in developing countries, particularly in Africa and the least developed countries, who suffer disproportionately from the effects of the global economic crisis and the heavy external debt burden, and to recommend further measures for the equalization of opportunity and for the integration of women's roles and perspective, as well as needs, concerns and aspirations into the entire development process when considering the priority theme of development;

8. Emphasizes, in the framework of the Forward-looking Strategies, the importance of the total integration of women of all ages in the development process, bearing in mind the specific and urgent needs of the developing countries, and calls upon Member States to establish specific targets at each level in order to increase the participation of women in professional, management and decision-making positions in their countries;

9. Emphasizes once again the need to give urgent attention to redressing socio-economic inequities at the national and international levels as a necessary step towards the full realization of the goals and objectives of the Forward-looking Strategies through meeting women's practical and strategic needs;

10. Strongly urges that particular attention be given by the relevant United Nations organizations and Governments to the special needs of women with disabilities, to elderly women and also to women in vulnerable situations such as migrant and refugee women and children;

11. Takes note of the Secretary-General's report on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas 3/ and urges the international community and the relevant United Nations bodies and organs to place more emphasis on the sharp increase in the incidence of poverty among rural women;

12. Welcomes the recommendations on women, environment and development in all programme areas, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in particular chapter 24 of Agenda 21, entitled "Global action for women towards sustainable and equitable development"; 4/

13. Urges organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations to ensure active participation of women in the planning and implementation of programmes for sustainable development, and requests Governments to consider nominating women as representatives to the Commission on Sustainable Development; 5/

14. Requests the Secretary-General, in formulating the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001 and in integrating the Forward-looking Strategies into activities mandated by the General Assembly, to pay particular attention to specific sectoral themes that cut across the three objectives, equality, development and peace, and include, in particular, literacy, education, health, population, the impact of technology on the environment and its effect on women and the full participation of women in decision-making, and to continue to assist Governments in strengthening their national machineries for the advancement of women;

15. Also requests the Secretary-General to continue updating the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development, 6/ bearing in mind its importance, placing particular emphasis on the adverse impact of the difficult economic situation affecting the majority of developing countries, particularly on the condition of women, giving special attention to worsening conditions for the incorporation of women into the labour force, as well as the impact of reduced expenditures for social services on women's opportunities for education, health and child care, and to submit a preliminary version of the updated World Survey on the Role of Women in Development to the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission, in 1994 and a final version in 1994;

16. Requests Governments, when presenting candidatures for vacancies in the Secretariat, in particular at the decision-making level, to give priority to

3/ A/48/187-E/1993/76.

4/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (A/CONF.151/26/Rev.1 (vol. I and vol. I/Corr.1, vol. II, vol. III and vol. III/Corr.1)) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), vol. I: Resolutions adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex II.

5/ See resolution 47/191.

6/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.89.IV.2.

women's candidatures, and requests the Secretary-General in reviewing these candidatures to give special consideration to female candidates from underrepresented and unrepresented developing countries;

17. Requests the Secretary-General to invite Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions and the specialized agencies, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to report periodically to the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission, on activities undertaken at all levels to implement the Forward-looking Strategies;

18. Also requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide for the existing weekly radio programmes on women in the regular budget of the United Nations, making adequate provisions for broadcasts in different languages, and to develop the focal point for issues relating to women in the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, which, in concert with the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, should provide a more effective public information programme relating to the advancement of women;

19. Further requests the Secretary-General to include in his report on the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session an assessment of recent developments that are relevant to the priority themes to be considered at the subsequent session of the Commission and to transmit to the Commission a summary of relevant views expressed by delegations during the debate in the Assembly;

20. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women to examine the implications of the World Conference on Human Rights and the Programme of Action of the Conference for its central role in matters related to women's rights within the United Nations system and report to the Economic and Social Council at its 1994 session;

21. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report to the Commission on the Status of Women, for consideration at its thirty-eighth session, on steps to be taken by the Division for the Advancement of Women, in cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specifically the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat, to ensure that relevant human rights mechanisms of the United Nations, such as treaty-monitoring bodies, rapporteurs and working groups, regularly address violations of women's human rights, including gender-specific abuses;

22. Recognizes that the Declaration on Violence against Women ^{2/} is essential to the attainment of full respect for women's rights and is an important contribution to efforts aimed at achieving the objectives of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women to the Year 2000;

^{2/} E/CN.6/1992/4, appendix.

23. Requests the Secretary-General to support the convening of the regional preparatory meetings so as to lay a good foundation for the World Conference on Women;

24. Further requests the Secretary-General to give more support to the Division for the Advancement of Women, acting as secretariat of the World Conference on Women, by providing sufficient financial and human resources and giving wide publicity about the Conference and its preparatory activities;

25. Appeals to countries to compile their national reports in earnest and forward them in time, both to their respective regional commissions and to the secretariat of the Conference;

26. Invites the Secretary-General to play a more important role and to appeal to countries to donate to the Trust Fund for the World Conference on Women, in order to finance additional activities of the preparatory process and the Conference itself, in particular the participation of least developed countries in the Conference and its preparatory meetings;

27. Recommends the further development of methods of compilation and data collection in areas of concern identified by the Commission and urges Member States to improve and broaden collection of gender-desegregated statistical information and make it available to the relevant bodies of the United Nations system with a view to preparing, in all official languages, as a background document for the Fourth World Conference on Women, an updated edition of The World's Women 1970-1990: Trends and Statistics; 8/

28. Endorses the recommendation contained in Commission resolution 36/8 of 20 March 1992, of the Commission on the Status of Women, that regional preparatory conferences include in their agendas the issue of women in public life, as well as the request that the Secretary-General include information on the decision-making position of women in public life and in the fields of science and technology in the preparation of the priority theme on peace: "Women in international decision-making", for the Commission at its thirty-ninth session in 1995;

29. Requests the Secretary-General to make available for the Fourth World Conference on Women reports and decisions of the World Conference on Human Rights, the Population Conference and the World Summit for Social Development;

30. Decides to adopt the modalities for the participation in and contribution to the World Conference on Women and its preparatory process by the non-governmental organizations, particularly those from the developing countries, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

8/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.90.XVII.3.

31. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report to the Fourth World Conference on Women, to be held in Beijing in 1995, on the extent to which gender concerns have been included in the activities of the relevant human rights mechanisms of the United Nations, such as treaty-monitoring bodies, rapporteurs and working groups;

32. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on measures taken to implement the present resolution.

ANNEX

Participation of non-governmental organizations in the Fourth World Conference on Women and its preparatory body

Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that express the wish to attend the Conference and the meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women, acting as its preparatory body, will be accredited for participation. Others wishing to be accredited may apply to the Conference secretariat for this purpose in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) The secretariat of the Fourth World Conference on Women will be responsible for the receipt and preliminary evaluation, in accordance with the provisions given below, of requests from non-governmental organizations for accreditation to the Conference and the Commission on the Status of Women when it is acting as the preparatory body;

(b) All such applications must be accompanied by information on the competence of the organization and on its relevance to the work of the preparatory body, indicating the particular areas of the Conference preparations to which such competence and relevance pertain, and should include the following:

- (i) Purposes of the organization;
- (ii) Information on its programmes and activities in areas relevant to the Conference and on the country or countries in which those programmes and activities are carried out;
- (iii) Confirmation of its activities at the national and/or the international level;
- (iv) Copies of its annual reports with financial statements and a list of members of the governing body and their country of nationality;
- (v) A description of its membership, indicating the total number of members of the governing body and their country of nationality;

(c) Non-governmental organizations seeking accreditation will be asked to confirm their interest in the goals and objectives of the Conference;

(d) In cases where the Conference secretariat believes, on the basis of the information provided in accordance with the present document, that an organization has established its competence and relevance to the work of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as preparatory body, it will recommend to the Commission on the Status of Women that the organization be accredited. In cases where the Conference secretariat does not recommend the granting of accreditation, it will make such information available to members of the Commission at least one week prior to the start of each session;

(e) The Commission on the Status of Women will decide on all proposals for accreditation within twenty-four hours of the Conference secretariat's recommendations having been taken up by the Commission in plenary session. Should a decision not be taken within that period, interim accreditation will be accorded until such time as a decision is taken;

(f) A non-governmental organization that has been granted accreditation to attend one session of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as preparatory body may be eligible to apply for accreditation to the World Conference;

(g) In recognition of the intergovernmental nature of the Fourth World Conference on Women, non-governmental organizations have no negotiating role in the work of the Conference and its preparatory process;

(h) Relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council may be given the opportunity briefly to address the Commission on the Status of Women acting as preparatory body in plenary meeting and its subsidiary bodies. Other relevant non-governmental organizations may also ask to speak briefly at such meetings. If the number of requests is too large, the Commission will request that non-governmental organizations form themselves into constituencies, with each constituency speaking through one spokesperson. Any oral intervention by a non-governmental organization should, in accordance with normal United Nations practice, be made at the discretion of the Chairman and with the consent of the Commission;

(i) Relevant non-governmental organizations may, at their own expense, make written presentations in the official languages of the United Nations during the preparatory process, as they deem appropriate. Those written presentations will not be issued as official documents unless they are in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference.



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Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/14 of 9 November 1979, in which it endorsed the Declaration of Principles and the Programme of Action as adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, 1/ and its resolution 44/78 of 8 December 1989,

Recalling also the importance given to the problems of rural women by the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, 2/

1/ See Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, Rome, 12-20 July 1979 (WCARRD/REP); transmitted to members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/34/485).

2/ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

Recalling further its resolution 47/174 of 22 December 1992, in which it welcomed the adoption of the Geneva Declaration for Rural Women 3/ by the Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women, held at Geneva on 25-26 February 1992, and urged all States to work for the achievement of the goals endorsed in the said Declaration,

Welcoming the growing awareness of Governments of the need for strategies and programmes to improve the situation of women in rural areas,

Noting with deep concern that the economic and financial crises in many developing countries have severely affected the socio-economic status of women, especially in rural areas, and the continuing rise in the number of rural women living in poverty,

Recognizing the urgent need to take appropriate measures aimed at further improving the situation of women in rural areas,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas; 4/

2. Invites Member States to attach greater importance to the improvement of the situation of rural women in their national development strategies, paying special attention to both their practical and strategic needs, by, inter alia,

(a) Integrating the concerns of rural women into national development policies and programmes, in particular by placing a higher priority on budgetary allocation related to the interests of rural women;

(b) Strengthening national machineries and establishing institutional linkages among governmental bodies in various sectors and non-governmental organizations that are concerned with rural development;

(c) Increasing the participation of rural women in the decision-making process;

(d) Improving accessibility of rural women to productive resources;

(e) Investing in the human resources of rural women, particularly through health and literacy programmes;

3. Requests the international community, relevant United Nations bodies as well as non-governmental organizations to promote the realization of programmes and projects aimed at the improvement of the situation of rural women;

3/ A/47/308-E/1992/97, annex.

4/ A/48/187-E/1993/76.

4. Invites the International Conference on Population and Development, to be held in 1994, the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women, to be held in 1995, in formulating respective strategies and actions, to give due consideration to the issue of improving the situation of rural women;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with Member States and relevant United Nations organizations, a report on the implementation of the present resolution and to submit it, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.



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ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Australia, Belarus, Belgium, China, Colombia, Costa Rica,
Cyprus, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Ireland, Mexico, Namibia,
Nicaragua, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Russian Federation,
Senegal, Thailand and Uganda: draft resolution

Violence against women migrant workers

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the Charter of the United Nations reaffirms faith in human rights and fundamental freedoms, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women,

Reaffirming the principles set forth in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, adopted by the General Assembly by its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979,

Welcoming the reaffirmation made in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action 1/ that gender-based violence and all forms of sexual harassment and exploitation are incompatible with the dignity and worth of the human person and must be eliminated by legal measures and through national and international cooperation,

Noting the large numbers of women from developing countries who continue to venture forth to more affluent countries in search of a living for themselves and their families, as a consequence of poverty, unemployment and other socio-economic situations in their home countries, while acknowledging the primary duty of States to work for conditions that provide employment to their citizens,

1/ A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III, sect. I, para. 18.

Recognizing that it is the duty of sending countries to protect and promote the interests of their citizens who seek or receive employment in other countries, to provide them with appropriate training/education, and to apprise them of their rights and obligations in the countries of employment,

Aware of the moral obligation of receiving or host countries to ensure the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all persons within their boundaries, including migrant workers and in particular women migrant workers, who are doubly vulnerable because of their gender and their being foreigners,

Noting with concern the continuing reports of grave abuses and acts of violence committed against the person of women migrant workers by some of their employers in some host countries,

Stressing that acts of violence directed against women impair or nullify the enjoyment by women of their human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Convinced of the need to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and the need to protect them from gender-based violence,

1. Expresses grave concern over the plight of women migrant workers who become victims of physical, mental and sexual harassment and abuse;
2. Recognizes with appreciation the efforts exerted by some receiving countries to alleviate the negative situation of women migrant workers;
3. Welcomes the adoption by the Economic and Social Council at its 1993 session of the draft declaration on the elimination of violence against women; 2/
4. Reaffirms the provision in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action 1/ that the human rights of women form an integral part of the United Nations human rights activities, including the promotion of human rights instruments specifically relating to women;
5. Calls upon all countries, particularly the sending and receiving States, to cooperate in taking appropriate steps to ensure that the rights of women migrant workers are protected;
6. Also calls upon the countries concerned to take appropriate measures to ensure that law-enforcement officials and the judiciary assist in guaranteeing the full protection of the rights of women migrant workers;
7. Urges both sending and host countries to help ensure that women migrant workers are protected from unscrupulous recruitment practices, if needed, by the adoption of legal measures;

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 1 (E/1993/1), resolution 1993/10.

8. Encourages Member States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; 3/

9. Invites trade unions to support the realization of the rights of women migrant workers by assisting them in organizing themselves so as to enable them to better assert their rights;

10. Requests treaty-monitoring bodies and calls upon non-governmental organizations concerned with violence against women to include, where appropriate, the situation of women migrant workers in their deliberations and findings and to supply relevant information to United Nations bodies and Governments;

11. Calls upon non-governmental organizations concerned in cooperation with both the sending and the host countries, to conduct seminars and training programmes on human rights instruments, particularly those pertaining to migrant workers;

12. Urges all States to adopt, with the support of relevant non-governmental organizations, appropriate measures to provide support services to women migrant workers who have become traumatized as a consequence of violations of their rights by, inter alia, unscrupulous employers and/or recruiters, and to provide resources for their physical and psychological rehabilitation;

13. Also urges that the subject of violence against women migrant workers be included in the agenda of the Fourth World Conference on Women, to be held at Beijing in 1995;

14. Calls upon relevant bodies and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to inform the Secretary-General of the extent of the problem and to recommend further measures to implement the purposes of the present resolution;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution, taking note of the relevant views of the Commission on the Status of Women in its discussion of the subject of violence against women at its thirty-eighth session in March 1994.



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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS: HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS AND
REPORTS OF SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS AND REPRESENTATIVES

United States of America: draft resolution

Situation of human rights in Cuba

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms as stated in the Charter of the United Nations and elaborated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1/ and the International Covenants on Human Rights 2/ and other applicable human rights instruments,

Reaffirming also that all Member States have an obligation to fulfil the commitments they have freely undertaken under the various international instruments,

Taking particular note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/63 of 10 March 1993, 3/ in which the Commission recognized with deep appreciation the efforts of the Secretary-General and of the Special Rapporteur to carry out their mandate concerning the situation of human rights in Cuba,

1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

3/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 3 (E/1993/23), chap. II, sect. A.

Noting as well concern about ongoing reports of serious violations of human rights in Cuba, as outlined in the interim report on the situation of human rights in Cuba 4/ presented to the General Assembly by the Special Rapporteur,

Deeply concerned that Cuba increased repression against leaders of several human rights groups in Cuba on United Nations Human Rights Day (10 December 1992),

Recalling the failure of the Government of Cuba to cooperate with the Commission on Human Rights with regard to its resolution 1991/68 of 6 March 1991 5/ by refusing to permit the Special Representative to visit Cuba, and its response, as cited in appendix I to the 1992 interim report of the Special Rapporteur, 6/ in which Cuba expressed its decision not to "implement so much as a single comma of resolution 1992/61",

1. Commends the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights for his interim report on the situation of human rights in Cuba; 4/

2. Expresses its full support for the work of the Special Rapporteur;

3. Calls upon the Government of Cuba to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur by permitting him full and free access in order to establish contact with the Government and the citizens of Cuba so that he may fulfil the mandate entrusted to him;

4. Regrets profoundly the numerous uncontested reports of violations of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms that are described in the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Secretary-General 7/ and in the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights; 4/

5. Calls upon the Government of Cuba to adopt measures proposed by the Special Rapporteur to ratify international human rights instruments, to cease the persecution and punishment of citizens for reasons related to freedom of expression and peaceful association, to permit legalization of independent groups, to respect guarantees of due process, to permit access to the prisons by national independent groups and international humanitarian agencies, to review sentences for crimes of a political nature and to cease retaliatory measures towards those seeking permission to leave the country;

6. Decides to continue its consideration of this question at its forty-ninth session.

4/ A/48/562.

5/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 2 (E/1991/22), chap. II, sect. A.

6/ A/47/625.

7/ E/CN.4/1993/39.



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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS: HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS AND
REPORTS OF SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic,
Denmark, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland,
Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland,
Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Sweden, United
Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United
States of America: revised draft resolution

Situation of human rights in Cuba

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms as stated in the Charter of the United Nations and elaborated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1/ the International Covenants on Human Rights 2/ and other applicable human rights instruments,

Reaffirming also that all Member States have an obligation to fulfil the commitments they have freely undertaken under the various international instruments,

Taking particular note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/63 of 10 March 1993, 3/ in which the Commission recognized with deep appreciation the efforts of the Secretary-General and of the Special Rapporteur to carry out their mandate concerning the situation of human rights in Cuba,

1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

3/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 3 (E/1993/23), chap. II, sect. A.

Noting as well concern about ongoing reports of serious violations of human rights in Cuba, as outlined in the interim report on the situation of human rights in Cuba 4/ presented to the General Assembly by the Special Rapporteur on Cuba,

Recalling the failure of the Government of Cuba to cooperate with the Commission on Human Rights with regard to its resolution 1992/61 of 3 March 1992 5/ by refusing to permit the Special Representative to visit Cuba, and its response, as cited in appendix II to the 1993 interim report of the Special Rapporteur, 4/ in which Cuba stated "we emphatically reject resolution 1992/61 and, accordingly, we cannot cooperate in its implementation in any way",

1. Commends the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights for his interim report on the situation of human rights in Cuba; 4/

2. Expresses its full support for the work of the Special Rapporteur on Cuba;

3. Calls upon the Government of Cuba to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur on Cuba by permitting full and free access by the Special Rapporteur on Cuba in order to establish contact with the Government and the citizens of Cuba so that he may fulfil the mandate entrusted to him;

4. Regrets profoundly the numerous uncontested reports of violations of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms that are described in the report to the Commission on Human Rights of the Special Rapporteur 6/ and in the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights; 4/

5. Calls upon the Government of Cuba to adopt measures proposed by the Special Rapporteur to ratify international human rights instruments; to cease the persecution and punishment of citizens for reasons related to freedom of expression and peaceful association; to permit legalization of independent groups; to respect guarantees of due process; to permit access to the prisons by national independent groups and international humanitarian agencies; to review sentences for crimes of a political nature; and to cease retaliatory measures towards those seeking permission to leave the country;

6. Decides to continue its consideration of this question at its forty-ninth session.

4/ A/48/562.

5/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 3 (E/1993/23), chap. II, sect. A.

6/ E/CN.4/1993/39.



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SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ESTONIA AND LATVIA

Russian Federation: draft resolution

Situation of human rights in Estonia and Latvia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/115 of 16 December 1992,

Guided by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1/ and the International Covenants on Human Rights, 2/

Taking into account the provisions of the Declaration on the Human Rights of Individuals Who are not Nationals of the Country in which They Live, 3/

Reaffirming that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms for all and to fulfil the obligations they have undertaken under the various international instruments in this field,

Being convinced that respect for human rights is an inalienable component of maintaining and promoting good-neighbourly relations between States,

Taking into account the reported violations of human rights and discriminatory practices with respect to the Russian-speaking population in Estonia and Latvia,

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- 1/ Resolution 217 A (III).
 - 2/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.
 - 3/ Resolution 40/144, annex.

Taking note of the statement of the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights of 10 March 1993 with respect to the situation in Estonia and Latvia,

Taking into consideration the findings and recommendations by various international fact-finding missions sent by the United Nations, regional intergovernmental organs and non-governmental organizations to Estonia and Latvia,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 4/
2. Notes with concern the persistence of serious problems which involve large groups of population in Estonia and Latvia;
3. Welcomes the emerging dialogue between different communities in Estonia and Latvia aimed at confidence-building among the people living in these countries;
4. Welcomes also the cooperation that the Governments of Estonia and Latvia have extended to various international fact-finding missions;
5. Calls upon the Governments of Estonia and Latvia to implement fully the recommendations of impartial international experts made on the basis of findings of various international fact-finding missions to these countries;
6. Invites all States and parties concerned to continue their efforts to search for acceptable solutions to the existing problems and in conformity with principles of justice and international law in the field of human rights;
7. Requests the Secretary-General to keep Member States informed of the progress in the field of human rights in Estonia and Latvia and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session under the item entitled "Situation of human rights in Estonia and Latvia".



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SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ESTONIA AND LATVIA

Russian Federation: revised draft resolution

Situation of human rights in Estonia and Latvia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/115 of 16 December 1992.

Guided by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1/ and the International Covenants on Human Rights, 2/

Taking into account the provisions of the Declaration on the Human Rights of Individuals Who Are Not Nationals of the Country in which They Live, 3/

Reaffirming that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms for all and to fulfil the obligations they have undertaken under the various international instruments in this field,

Being convinced that respect for human rights is an inalienable component of maintaining and promoting good-neighbourly relations between States,

Taking note of the human rights problems that affect the significant number of the Russian-speaking population in Estonia and Latvia,

1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

3/ Resolution 40/144, annex.

Noting the statement of the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights of 10 March 1993 with respect to the situation in Estonia and Latvia,

Commending the Governments of Estonia and Latvia for the invitation of and cooperation with various international fact-finding missions sent by the United Nations, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations that visited Estonia and Latvia with regard to the situation of human rights in these countries,

Expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his rapid response in dispatching fact-finding missions to Estonia and Latvia upon the invitations of the Governments of these countries,

Having considered the reports of the United Nations fact-finding missions to Estonia and Latvia, 4/

1. Takes note of the recommendations of the United Nations fact-finding missions as well as other missions of international experts to Estonia and Latvia made to the Governments of these countries and to the Government of the Russian Federation;
2. Notes the existence of various problems which involve large groups of population in Estonia and Latvia;
3. Welcomes the continuing dialogue between different communities in Estonia and Latvia aimed at confidence-building among the people living in these countries;
4. Welcomes also the cooperation that the Governments of Estonia and Latvia have extended to various international fact-finding missions;
5. Invites the Governments of Estonia and Latvia to take practical measures to implement the recommendations of the Secretary-General as well as other international experts made on the basis of findings of various international fact-finding missions to these countries;
6. Invites all States and parties concerned to foster good-neighbourly relations and to continue their efforts to search for acceptable solutions to the existing problems and solve the remaining issues in conformity with the principles of justice and international law;
7. Requests all States and parties concerned to work in a constructive manner to observe the recommendations and respect the conclusions of the United Nations and other international fact-finding missions, and also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session under the item entitled "Situation of human rights in Estonia and Latvia" on the progress in this field.



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Agenda item 115

SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ESTONIA AND LATVIA

Russian Federation: revised draft resolution

Situation of human rights in Estonia and Latvia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/115 of 16 December 1992,

Taking into account the provisions of the Declaration on the Human Rights of Individuals Who Are Not Nationals of the Country in which They Live, 1/

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 2/

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General and of the conclusions and recommendations of the United Nations fact-finding missions to Estonia and Latvia; 2/

2. Welcomes the cooperation that the Governments of Estonia and Latvia have extended to various international fact-finding missions;

3. Notes the existence of unresolved issues which involve large groups of population of different ethnic origin;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the progress in the field of human rights in Estonia and Latvia.

1/ Resolution 40/144, annex.

2/ A/48/511.



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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS: HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS,
INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES FOR IMPROVING
THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND
FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Albania, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria,
Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and
Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica,
Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark,
Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, Gambia,
Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India,
Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait,
Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania,
Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico,
Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands,
New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Poland,
Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda,
Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Suriname,
Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia,
Turkey, Ukraine, United States of America, Venezuela, Yemen and
Zambia: draft resolution

World Conference on Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/155 of 18 December 1990, in which it decided, inter alia, to convene at a high level a World Conference on Human Rights in 1993, its resolution 46/116 of 17 December 1991 and its resolution 47/122 of 18 December 1992,

Taking note with appreciation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993, 1/

Recalling the view of the Conference that the promotion and protection of human rights is a matter of priority for the international community,

Convinced that the Conference made an important contribution to the cause of human rights and that its results have to be translated into effective action by States, the competent organs of the United Nations and its family of organizations and other organizations concerned, as well as non-governmental organizations,

Bearing in mind the recommendation of the Conference that the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and other organs and agencies of the United Nations system related to human rights consider ways and means for the full implementation, without delay, of the recommendations contained in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,

Expressing its gratitude to the Government and people of Austria for acting as hosts to the World Conference on Human Rights, for the excellent arrangements and for the hospitality to all participants;

Expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the Conference and the members of the Secretariat for effectively preparing and servicing the Conference;

1. Takes note of the report of the World Conference on Human Rights; 2/
2. Endorses the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted on 25 June 1993 by the World Conference on Human Rights;
3. Expresses its satisfaction with the work of the Conference, which constitutes a solid foundation for further action and initiatives by the United Nations and other interested international bodies, as well as by the States and national organizations concerned;
4. Confirms the views of the Conference on the urgency of eliminating denials and violations of human rights;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the distribution of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action as widely as possible and to include the text of the Declaration in the next edition of Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments;

1/ A/CONF.157/23.

2/ A/CONF.157/24.

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the competent organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

7. Urges all States to give widespread publicity to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action and the work of the Conference in order to promote increased awareness of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

8. Calls upon all States to take further action with a view to the full realization of human rights in the light of the recommendations of the Conference;

9. Requests the Secretary-General, the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and other organs and agencies of the United Nations system related to human rights to take further action with a view to the full implementation of all recommendations of the Conference;

10. Also requests the Secretary-General to report annually to the General Assembly on the measures taken and the progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations;

11. Decides to include in the agenda of its forthcoming sessions a standing sub-item under the agenda item "Human rights questions" entitled "Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action".



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NECESSITY OF ADOPTING EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR THE PROMOTION AND
PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO
ARE VICTIMS OF ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING
ARMED CONFLICTS

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize,
Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba,
Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador,
Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica,
Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and
Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines,
Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela:
draft resolution

NEED TO ADOPT EFFICIENT INTERNATIONAL MEASURES FOR THE
PREVENTION OF THE SALE OF CHILDREN, CHILD PROSTITUTION
AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Convention on the Rights of the Child adopted by resolution
44/25 of 20 November 1989,

Recalling also the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and
Development of Children in the 1990s and the Plan of Action for implementing the
said Declaration adopted by the World Summit for Children on 30 September 1990,
which establishes a solemn commitment of granting priority to the rights of the
child and to his or her survival, protection and development, thus contributing
to the welfare of every society,

Mindful of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, 1/ which requires effective measures against female infanticide, harmful child labour, sale of children and organs, child prostitution, child pornography, as well as other forms of sexual abuse,

Bearing in mind also resolution 1992/74 of the Commission on Human Rights of 5 March 1992 2/ by which the Commission adopted the Programme of Action for the Prevention of the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography,

Recognizing the enormous efforts made in this field by the United Nations, particularly the United Nations Children's Fund, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children,

Deeply concerned by the persistence of the practices of the use of children for prostitution, sexual abuse and other activities, which may also often constitute exploitation of child labour,

Deeply disturbed by the persistence of the practices of the sale of children and other practices, which may be linked to related disappearances, illegal adoptions, abandonment and kidnapping for commercial purposes,

Regretting that one of the main difficulties found by the Special Rapporteur has been the lack of information on this issue,

Bearing in mind the different causes that influence the emergence, and continuation, of these special circumstances, including in particular poverty, natural disasters and armed conflicts and their harmful effects on the rights of children,

Considering that it is necessary to deploy greater efforts at the national and international level to promote and protect the rights of children all over the world,

Expressing its interest in benefiting from the studies, conclusions and recommendations of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights,

1. Expresses great concern at the growing number of incidents world wide related to the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography;
2. Urges Governments to continue searching for solutions as well as ways and means to enhance international cooperation to eradicate such aberrant practices;

1/ A/CONF.157/23.

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 2 (E/1992/22-E/CN.4/1992/84).

3. Expresses its support of the work of the Special Rapporteur appointed by the Commission on Human Rights to examine all over the world the question of child sales, child prostitution and child pornography, and urges him to continue his efforts in the discharge of his mandate;

4. Urges all Governments to collaborate with the Special Rapporteur and to assist him by providing him with all the requested information;

5. Calls upon those States that have not done so to become parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the States parties to the Convention, to implement national measures aimed at fulfilling the provisions of the Convention;

6. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to give priority during its fiftieth session to the creation of a working group to elaborate guidelines for a possible draft convention on the issues related to the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, as well as the basic measures to prevent and eradicate these serious problems;

7. Invites the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights, within the framework of his mandate, to continue providing attention to the economic, social, legal and cultural factors affecting these phenomena;

8. Requests the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights to submit a provisional report to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

9. Requests the Secretary-General, from within existing resources, to provide the Special Rapporteur and the working group to be created by the Commission on Human Rights with every necessary assistance;

10. Decides to consider this question at its forty-ninth session, under the agenda item entitled "Necessity of adopting effective measures for the promotion and protection of the rights of children throughout the world who are victims of especially difficult circumstances, including armed conflicts".



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NECESSITY OF ADOPTING EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR THE PROMOTION AND
PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO
ARE VICTIMS OF ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING
ARMED CONFLICTS

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados,
Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia,
Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic,
Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana,
Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Panama,
Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia,
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago,
Uruguay and Venezuela: revised draft resolution

Need to adopt efficient international measures for the
prevention of the sale of children, child prostitution
and child pornography

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Convention on the Rights of the Child adopted by resolution
44/25 of 20 November 1989,

Recalling also the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and
Development of Children in the 1990s and the Plan of Action for implementing the
said Declaration adopted by the World Summit for Children on 30 September 1990,
which establishes a solemn commitment of granting priority to the rights of the
child and to his or her survival, protection and development, thus contributing
to the welfare of every society,

Mindful of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, 1/ which
requires effective measures against female infanticide, harmful child labour,

1/ A/CONF.157/23.

sale of children and organs, child prostitution, child pornography, as well as other forms of sexual abuse,

Bearing in mind also resolution 1992/74 of the Commission on Human Rights of 5 March 1992 2/ by which the Commission adopted the Programme of Action for the Prevention of the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography,

Recognizing the enormous efforts made in this field by the United Nations, particularly the United Nations Children's Fund, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children,

Deeply concerned by the persistence of the practices of the use of children for prostitution, sexual abuse and other activities, which may also often constitute exploitation of child labour,

Deeply disturbed by the persistence of the practices of the sale of children and other practices, which may be linked to related disappearances, illegal adoptions, abandonment, kidnapping and abductions for commercial purposes,

Regretting that one of the main difficulties found by the Special Rapporteur has been the lack of information on this issue,

Bearing in mind the different causes that influence the emergence, and continuation, of these special circumstances, including in particular poverty, natural disasters and armed conflicts and their harmful effects on the rights of children,

Considering that it is necessary to deploy greater efforts at the national and international level to promote and protect the rights of children all over the world,

Expressing its interest in benefiting from the studies, conclusions and recommendations of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights,

1. Expresses great concern at the growing number of incidents world wide related to the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography;

2. Urges Governments to continue searching for solutions as well as ways and means to enhance international cooperation to eradicate such aberrant practices;

3. Expresses its support of the work of the Special Rapporteur appointed by the Commission on Human Rights to examine all over the world the question of child sales, child prostitution and child pornography, and urges him to continue his efforts in the discharge of his mandate;

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 2 (E/1992/22-E/CN.4/1992/84).

4. Urges all Governments to collaborate with the Special Rapporteur and to assist him by providing him with all the requested information;

5. Calls upon those States that have not done so to become parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the States parties to the Convention, to implement national measures aimed at fulfilling the provisions of the Convention;

6. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to consider, during its fiftieth session, the creation of a working group to study, as a matter of priority, the elaboration of guidelines, in close contact with the Special Rapporteur, of a possible draft convention on the issues related to the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, as well as the basic measures required for preventing and eradicating these serious problems;

7. Requests the Centre for Human Rights to transmit the content of the preceding paragraph to the Committee on the Rights of the Child so that it can express its comments;

8. Invites the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights, within the framework of his mandate, to continue providing attention to the economic, social, legal and cultural factors affecting these phenomena;

9. Requests the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights to submit a provisional report to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

10. Requests the Secretary-General, from within existing resources, to provide the Special Rapporteur and the working group of the Commission on Human Rights with every necessary assistance;

11. Decides to consider this question at its forty-ninth session, under the agenda item entitled "Necessity of adopting effective measures for the promotion and protection of the rights of children throughout the world who are victims of especially difficult circumstances, including armed conflicts".
